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DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES
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Home Health Provider Letter # A-96

Dear Home Health Provider:

To aid in alleviating the financial burden of home health providers, due to the backlog of modification requests to prior authorizations (PA), the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has decided to initiate the following resolution.

Providers will be granted a "hold harmless" PA period on modification requests from November 1, 2003 through December 12, 2003. The "hold harmless" period enables a provider to bill Medicaid without having a PA letter on file. National Health Services (NHS) confirmed providers have received a Daily Activity Report (DAR) on all backlogged modification requests. Through the "hold harmless" period, all service modifications on the DAR may be billed without a PA letter. NHS will continue entering the backlogged modifications that were submitted during the "hold harmless" period. Therefore, providers will receive a PA letter that must be retained in the recipient's case record for monitoring purposes.

Beginning with a date of service on or after December 13, 2003, home health providers must have a PA letter so that the agency may bill and receive reimbursement from Medicaid. Effective January 1, 2004 providers are to follow the procedures outlined in Home Health Provider Letter # A-93.

As always, DMS appreciates the continued cooperation and understanding of the provider community. Should there be questions regarding this letter, you may contact Benjamin R. Sweger, Director, Division of Long Term Care and Disability Services. Mr. Sweger may be reached at (502) 564-7540.

Sincerely,

Mike Robinson
Commissioner

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